

# Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

January 21 2020 7:30pm Borough Hall

## **Commission Members Present:**

Mimi Kaplan	Nicholas Coppola
Jackie Bay	Audrey Lane – Borough Council Liaison
Allison Rankin	

Elizabeth Hirschfeld	Megan Beik	Student Liaisons
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### **1. Administration**

December 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved

### **2. MLHS Environmental Club accomplishments 2019**

7 Bat houses build and sold

Turf clean up

DPW recycle signs updated and posted

### **3. Green Infrastructure/rain garden progress**

Grant money being used to create rain garden at Birchwood Beach parking lot where poor drainage is currently causing erosion at slope to Crystal Lake.

Island Beach parking lot is prime location for additional rain gardens to slow stormwater run-off and sediment that otherwise runs directly into Mountain lake during rain events. Borough Council is being lobbied to include project in Island Beach improvement project.

High School improvement project offers great opportunities for detaching new parking lot from storm water system. MLHS Enviro. Club to present letter to BOE regarding what opportunities have been created to address green infrastructure improvements for the high school project.

### **4. Green Infrastructure Planning and Implementation Workshop**

An event held on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm ML Boro Hall through Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program was considered a success based on attendance. Five Borough Council members were present (C. Korman, A. Lane, T. Manard, L. Barnett, D. Happer), Planning Board Chair and members, Shade Tree Commission Chair and members, 5 EC members, Whippany Watershed members and other interested residents.

### **5. Plastic Bag Ordinance**

Mimi will send draft ordinance to members for final approval before submitting to Borough Council for review. Tentative date for Borough Council is April.

### **6. Environmental Resource Inventory**

Need to get hard copy digitized and prioritize and allocated actions for update process.

### **7. Planning Board Update**

Meeting Jan 30 to review Lake Drive property lot division request.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

**NOTE CHANGE** due to conflict with school break: **Next meeting** scheduled for Feb 24